

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner categorized the Species in three groups as follows:

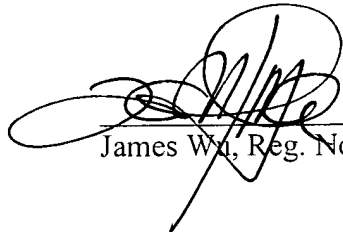
- I. Species I in Figures 1a, b;
- II. Species II in Figure 2; or
- III. Species III in Figure 3.

The Applicants hereby elect Claims 1 – 9 and 13, with traverse.

In view of the foregoing, consideration and an early allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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